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Vital Statistics

- Born: July 26, 1951 at Manchester, NH, USA (US citizen)
- Married: December 30, 1972 (wife's name Rita), one child
- Height: 175 cm., Weight: 70.2 kg.

Education

- Ph.D. (Computer Science), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 1979.
- M.S. (Computer Science), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 1977.
- M.S. (Applied Science), The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, 1975.
- B.S. (Mathematics) *summa cum laude*, Keene State College, Keene, NH, 1973.

Professional Experience

- Information Technology Laboratory (formerly Computing and Applied Mathematics Laboratory), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), formerly the National Bureau of Standards (NBS), Gaithersburg, MD : *Chief*, Mathematical and Computational Sciences Division, 1998–present; *Leader*, Mathematical Software Group, 1992–1998; *Computer scientist*, 1979–1992.
- Department of Computer Sciences, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN : *Research assistant*, 1976–1979; *Teaching assistant*, 1975–1976.
- Institute for Computer Applications in Science and Engineering (ICASE), NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA : *Scientific programmer*, 1974–1975.
- Computer Center, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA : *Programmer*, 1973–1974.

Research Interests

- Mathematical software, problem-solving environments
- Numerical analysis, computational science
- Network services in support of computational science
- Numerical solution of partial differential equations

Professional Activities

- Co-chair, Numerics Working Group, Java Grande Forum, 1998–.
- Member, International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group on Numerical Software (WG2.5), 1996–.
- Member, ACM Publications Board, 1995–.
- Editor-in-Chief, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, 1993–.
- Associate editor, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, 1987–92.
- Member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM), and IEEE Computer Society.
- Proposal reviewer for the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the NIST Advanced Technology Program.
- Referee for *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, Chemical Engineering Communications, Computing, IEEE Computational Science and Engineering, IEEE Transactions on Computers, Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics, Journal of Computational Physics, Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing, Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations, SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis, SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing.*
- Ad-Hoc Committee Assignments:
  - NIST Centennial Publications Committee (1999–);
  - Program Committee, ACM Java Grande Conference (1999);
  - Search Committee for Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the ACM* (1996);
  - Search Committee for Editor-in-Chief of *ACM Transactions on Graphics* (1996);
  - ACM Electronic Services Working Group (1996–97);
  - HPCC Blue Book Writing Group (1996–98);
  - Technical Advisory Committee for the National HPCC Software Exchange (1996–98);
  - Search Committee for Editor-in-Chief of the *Collected Algorithms of the ACM* (1993);
  - Steering Committee for the HPCC Software Exchange Working Group (1992-93);
  - Advisory Committee for the National Exemplary Parallel Code Repository (1991);
  - Program Committee for the Second International Conference on Expert Systems for Numerical Computing (1990);

- Oversight Committee for the New Technologies/Computational Science and Engineering Programs of the NSF Division of Advanced Scientific Computing (1988);
- site visitor, NSF Coordinated Experimental Research award program (1987, 1989).

Honors

- Outstanding Contribution to ACM, Association for Computing Machinery, 1999.
- Silver Medal Award for Meritorious Federal Service: U.S. Department of Commerce, 1992.
- Listed in
  1. *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*, 1st edition, 1992, 3rd edition, 1996, 5th edition, 2000-01.
  2. *American Men and Women of Science*, 18th edition, 1992-93, 20th edition, 1998-99.
  3. *Who's Who in the Media and Communications*, 1st edition, 1997.
  4. *Who's Who in the East*, 26th edition, 1997.
  5. *Who's Who in Frontiers of Science and Technology*, 2nd edition, 1985.
  6. *Who's Who in Technology Today*, 4th edition, 1984.
- Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Performance: NIST, 1988-91; NBS, 1982-87.
- Certificates of Recognition for Sustained Superior Performance: NBS, 1987, 1982.
- Bronze Medal Award for Superior Federal Service: U.S. Department of Commerce, 1984.
- Certificate of Recognition for Development of a Technical Innovation (entitled *Coupled Convection Modes at Cylindrical Crystal-Melt Interfaces*): NASA, 1983.
- Elected to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Purdue University Chapter, 1978.

Web Services Developed

- The Guide to Available Mathematical Software[1], 1994.
- ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software[2], 1994.
- The Matrix Market[3], 1996.
- ACM Journal Tables of Contents[4], 1996.
- Java Numerics[5], 1998.

[1] http://math.nist.gov/gams/
[2] http://math.nist.gov/toms/
[3] http://math.nist.gov/MatrixMarket/
[4] http://www.acm.org/pubs/toc/
[5] http://math.nist.gov/javanumerics/

Major Software Packages (Co-)Developed

- ELLPACK[6]. System for elliptic boundary-value problems, 1979, 1985.
- CMLIB[7]. The NIST Core Math Library, 1987.
- HFFT3[8]. High-order accurate fast Poisson solver in 2D and 3D (ACM Algorithm 651), 1987.
- VFFTPACK[9]. Vectorized FFT package, 1989.
- VFNLIB[10]. Vectorized Bessel function evaluation (ACM Algorithm 713), 1993.
- JAMA[11]. A Java matrix package, 1998.

Research Grants Awarded

- *Mathematical Foundations for a Networked Scientific Knowledge Base*, Knowledge and Distributed Intelligence Program, NSF 9980036, $1.3M, 1999-2003. *(Joint with D.L. Lozier, F.W.J. Olver, and C. Clark, NIST)*
- *Mechanisms for Adaptable and Efficient Information Retrieval Clients and Servers*, DARPA DAAH04-95-1-0595, $1.3M, 1995-8. *(Joint with J.J. Dongarra, Univ. Tenn. at Knoxville, and Eric Grosse, Bell Labs)*
- *Improving Public Access to Mathematical Computer Software*, US Department of Commerce Pioneer Fund, $15K, 1993-4.

Publications

Books

1. **R.F. Boisvert**, ed., *The Quality of Numerical Software, Assessment and Enhancement*, Chapman & Hall, London, 1997.
2. J.R. Rice and **R.F. Boisvert**, *Solving Elliptic Equations Using ELLPACK*, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1985, (479 pages).

Book Chapters

3. **R.F. Boisvert** and R.A. Sweet, Mathematical software for elliptic boundary value problems, Chapter 9 of *Sources and Development of Mathematical Software* (W. Cowell, ed.), Prentice-Hall, 1984, pp. 200–263.

[6] http://www.cs.purdue.edu/ellpack/
[7] ftp://ftp.nist.gov/pub/cmlib/
[8] http://www.netlib.org/toms/651/
[9] http://www.netlib.org/vfftpack/
[10] http://www.netlib.org/vfnlib/
[11] http://math.nist.gov/javanumerics/jama/

In Refereed Journals

4. **R.F. Boisvert**, Jack J. Dongarra , Roldan Pozo, Karin A. Remington and G. W. Stewart, Developing Numerical Libraries in Java, *Concurrency: Practice and Experience*, vol. 10, No. 11-13, 1998, pp. 1117-1129.

5. J.R. Rice and **R.F. Boisvert**, From Scalable Libraries to Problem-Solving Environments, *IEEE Computational Science and Engineering*, Fall, 1996, pp. 44-53.

6. **R.F. Boisvert**, The Architecture of a Virtual Mathematical Software Repository, *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, vol. 36, 1994, pp. 269-279.

7. S.R. Coriell, **R.F. Boisvert**, G.B. McFadden, L.N. Brush and J.J. Favier, Morphological stability of a binary alloy during directional solidification: initial transient, *Journal of Crystal Growth*, vol. 40, 1994, pp. 139–147.

8. **R.F. Boisvert** and Bonita V. Saunders, Portable Vectorized Software for Bessel Function Evaluation, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* 18, No. 4, 1992, pp. 456–469.

9. **R.F. Boisvert**, S.E. Howe, and D.K. Kahaner, The Guide to Available Mathematical Software Problem Classification System, *Communications in Statistics – Simulation and Computation*, vol. 20, no. 4, 1991, pp. 811–842.

10. **R.F. Boisvert**, Algorithms for Special Tridiagonal Systems, *SIAM Journal on Scientific and Statistical Computing*, vol. 12, no. 2, 1991, pp. 423–442.

11. G.B. McFadden, B.T. Murray, and **R.F. Boisvert**, Elimination of Spurious Eigenvalues in the Chebyshev Tau Spectral Method, *Journal of Computational Physics*, vol. 91, No. 1, 1990, pp. 228–239.

12. **R.F. Boisvert**, The Guide to Available Mathematical Software advisory system, *Mathematics and Computers in Simulation*, vol. 31, nos. 5&6, 1989, pp. 453–464.

13. P.W. Voorhees, G.B. McFadden, **R.F. Boisvert**, and D.I. Meiron, Numerical simulation of morphological development during Ostwald ripening, *Acta Metallurgica*, vol. 36, no. 1, 1988, pp. 207–222.

14. **R.F. Boisvert**, A fourth-order accurate Fourier method for the Helmholtz equation in three dimensions, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, vol. 13, no. 3, 1987, pp. 221–234.

15. **R.F. Boisvert**, Algorithm 651: HFFT—High-order fast-direct solution of the Helmholtz equation, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, vol. 13, no. 3, 1987, pp. 235–249.

16. G.B. McFadden, **R.F. Boisvert**, and S.R. Coriell, Nonplanar interface morphologies during directional solidification II—Three-dimensional computations, *Journal of Crystal Growth*, vol. 84, 1987, pp. 371–388.

17. G.B. McFadden, P.W. Voorhees, **R.F. Boisvert**, and D.I. Meiron, A boundary integral method for the simulation of two-dimensional particle coarsening, *Journal of Scientific Computing* vol. 1, no. 2, 1986, pp. 117–144.

18. **R.F. Boisvert**, S.E. Howe, and D.K. Kahaner, GAMS: A framework for the management of scientific software, *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* vol. 11, no. 4, 1985, pp. 313–355.

19. G.B. McFadden, S.R. Coriell, and **R.F. Boisvert**, On double-diffusive convection with sidewalls, *Physics of Fluids* vol. 28, no. 9, 1985, pp. 2716–2722.

20. Q.T. Fang, M.E. Glicksman, S.R. Coriell, G.B. McFadden, and **R.F. Boisvert**, Convective influence on the stability of a cylindrical solid-liquid interface, *Journal of Fluid Mechanics* vol. 151, 1985, pp. 121–140.

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22. G.B. McFadden, S.R. Coriell, **R.F. Boisvert**, and M.E. Glicksman, Asymmetric instabilities in buoyancy-driven flow in a tall vertical annulus, *Physics of Fluids* vol. 27, no. 6, 1984, pp. 1359–61.

23. S.R. Coriell, G.B. McFadden, **R.F. Boisvert**, M.E. Glicksman, and Q.T. Fang, Coupled convective instabilities at crystal-melt interfaces *Journal of Crystal Growth* vol. 66, no. 3, 1984, pp. 514–524.

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26. S.R. Coriell, **R.F. Boisvert**, R.G. Rehm, and R.F. Sekerka, Lateral solute segregation during unidirectional solidification of a binary alloy with a curved solid-liquid interface II: large departures from planarity, *Journal of Crystal Growth* vol. 54, no. 2, 1981, pp. 167–175.

27. **R.F. Boisvert**, Families of high order accurate discretizations of some elliptic problems, *SIAM Journal on Scientific and Statistical Computing* vol. 2, no. 3, 1981, pp. 268–284.

28. **R.F. Boisvert**, E.N. Houstis and J.R. Rice, A system for performance evaluation of partial differential equations software, *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering* vol. SE-5, no. 4, 1979, pp. 418–425.

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43. **R.F. Boisvert**, High order discretizations of the Helmholtz problem which admit iterative solution techniques, in *Advances in Computer Methods for Partial Differential Equations—III* (R. Vichnevetsky and R.S. Stepleman, eds.), IMACS, New Brunswick, NJ, 1979, pp. 1–7.

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45. **R.F. Boisvert**, James Blue, Michael Donahue, Daniel Lozier, William Mitchell, Donald Porter, and Roldan Pozo, Measurement and Standards for Computational Science and Engineering, *ITL Bulletin*, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, March 1999.

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51. **R.F. Boisvert**, S.E. Howe, and D.K. Kahaner, *The Guide to Available Mathematical Software*, National Bureau of Standards, NBSIR 84-2824 (also PB-84171305, National Technical Information Service, Springfield, VA 22161), 1984, (448 pages).

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